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NEWS IN BRIEF.

Horse flesh is sold for food in San Francisco.

Eugene Debs has been released from jail, after serving six months' sentence.

Governor Morton will announce himself a candidate for the presidency.

Literary men in Paris are trying to obtain the release of Oscar Wilde. Emile Zola refused to sign a petition to that end.

Zella Nicolaus has been paid \$5000 by George Gould, and the case against the millionaire railway magnate has been dismissed.

Durrant's attorneys have made an appeal to the Supreme Court, and pending the decision sentence has been suspended.

The Alameda sugar works has closed down. If the ruling prices of sugar continue the plant will lose money on the year's product.

The total production of sugar in Peru in 1894 was about 75,000,000 pounds upon an investment of nearly \$18,000,000. There are nearly 25,000 persons engaged in the industry.

John W. Flood, the defaulting ex-cashier of the Donohue-Kelly bank, San Francisco, will now serve a sentence of seven years' imprisonment, the Supreme Court having dismissed his appeal.

Major C. T. Picton is manager of the State Hotel at Denison, Texas, which the traveling men say is one of the best hotels in that section. In speaking of Chamberlain's Cholera, Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy, Major Picton says: "I have used it myself and in my family for several years, and take pleasure in saying that I consider it an infallible cure for cholera, and in every case it has proven itself worthy of unqualified endorsement. For sale by all dealers. BENSON, SMITH & Co., agents for H. I."

MINISTER SMITH'S VISIT

He Talks About Hawaii to New Zealand People.

PRAISE COLONIAL INHABITANTS.

Expresses Opinion in Favor of Free Trade Between Australian Colonies. In Telephones and Electric Lighting the Islands Ahead of New Zealand.

The New Zealand Herald of November 30th, in speaking of the visit of Attorney-General W. O. Smith and Hon. Geo. N. Wilcox to Auckland and the Colonies says:

During the present month New Zealand has been honored by a visit from two leading Hawaiian statesmen, namely, the Hon. William O. Smith, the Attorney-General, and Mr. G. N. Wilcox, a member of the Hawaiian Senate, who came here partly for a holiday trip, but principally to watch certain features of our land laws, which have been adopted by the Legislature of Hawaii, as in actual operation. As the stay of these gentlemen, extending over a period of some three weeks, is just about to terminate, they leave by the Alameda today—a Herald representative waited upon the Hon. W. O. Smith, in order to obtain, if possible, his impressions of the colony, which could hardly fail to be of interest, considering his important mission and wide political and social experience. Mr. Smith received our representative with the utmost courtesy, and at once expressed his willingness to give his opinions of what he had seen.

"Perhaps you might at the outset say, whether the special object of your visit to our colony has been satisfactorily accomplished?"

Having replied in the affirmative, Mr. Smith proceeded: "Our Government having adopted certain features of the New Zealand Amended Land Act of 1892 of the disposition of our public lands, Mr. Wilcox and myself came here to learn something more of the details of the working of this law. Of course we had to adapt the New Zealand Act to our conditions. We have been extremely interested in what we have seen, and we have received most valuable assistance and information from the Premier (Mr. Seddon), from the Survey-General (Mr. Percy Smith), and also from Sir Robert Stout. Leaving Auckland a few weeks ago, we have been to Wellington, Christchurch, and Dunedin, returning from Wellington overland through the Lake district, passing Lake Taupo on our road to Rotorua; and then back to Auckland once again."

"Having traversed the country from north to south, how did the colony itself and its products appear to you?"

"From a political point of view," replied Mr. Smith, "we were extremely interested in all matters of government, and these present some features which are in advance of what we have been accustomed to. Then, again, we have been greatly interested in the people themselves, and in the country and its products. One of the most pleasant impressions left upon our minds has been the feeling that we were in the midst of a commonwealth, if I may call it so, of intelligent Anglo-Saxon people. Though some of your problems of government seem to us rather perplexing, there are strong grounds for confidence and hope for the future in the high standard of intelligence among the people. In Hawaii we have a population made up of several different races, but here you are one common people. Then your educational system pleased us very much, and there seemed to be among you a higher standard of public morals than is found in some communities. The government seems to be of a decidedly paternal character, and its various features present a most interesting study. There certainly seem to be possible dangers, but the great ground for confidence is, after all, in the body of intelligence among the people."

"And what about the country itself, Mr. Smith?"

"I was just proceeding to say that we were delighted with the diversity of the physical features of the country. Then there is the variety of its products and its great resources, which open vast possibilities for the future. It may not be improper for me to say here that to us as strangers it seems rather hard to understand why there should not be complete free trade between the Australasian colonies. They have so many interests in common that it seems as though they all must benefit from a mutual interchange of commodities. It is a rash thing for a stranger to make suggestions, but I will venture the suggestion that your colony would be equally well off with biennial sessions of Parliament as with annual sessions."

"Have you anything to say about our land laws—your special mission?"

"Yes, we came here more particularly to learn about the working of your land system and land laws—and, incidentally, other features of your Government. We have learned much that is instructive, and we have seen some things it would appear well to avoid. I will return to Hawaii feeling that I have gained much by coming here, and I hope that the relations—

commercial and otherwise—between Hawaii and New Zealand and the other colonies will continue to grow, and to become of greater mutual benefit. For the kindness we have received, and the hospitality of the people of New Zealand, I can find no words to adequately express my admiration."

Referring to some of our more advanced legislation, as it is called, Mr. Smith said: "My feeling is just this: There is danger in going to extremes in labor legislation, but you have a safeguard in the reserve force of intelligence among the people. Here you have one race speaking one language; while in Hawaii we have to deal with five races, speaking as many different languages—Hawaiian, English, Portuguese, Chinese and Japanese. There is also great danger in your far-reaching State undertakings. The enormous amount of patronage placed in the hands of those in power might prove a source of evil if you ceased to have men of the highest character at the head of affairs."

In the course of some further conversation Mr. Smith said: "There are at least two things of which I think we can boast in the Hawaiian Islands, and they are our telephone system and our electric lighting. In both these matters we are decidedly ahead of New Zealand. In Honolulu we have over 1200 telephones connected with the central system, and they are worked more satisfactorily and with far less delay than those of your colony. We do not use the old-fashioned telephone such as that you have in use here, excepting perhaps in the country districts. Anyone familiar with your system and ours would admit that ours was the best. Then as to electric lighting, I have seen no city in New Zealand as well lighted as Honolulu."

Mr. Smith concluded by again expressing, on behalf of himself and Mr. Wilcox, his thanks for the great kindnesses he had received on all hands, both from public officials and private individuals. They would certainly recommend their friends to pay New Zealand a visit.

DAMAGED BY WATER.

Hackfeld's Warehouse Flooded. Fire Engine at Work.

The members of No. 1 Engine had some real active work to do last night, and in pretty rough weather, too. The heavy rainfall caused several people considerable inconvenience, but to the warehouse of H. Hackfeld the downpour did a great deal of damage. The flood of water from the sidewalk into the basement was easily swept into drain holes and kept from doing any harm.

The sewer on the street, however, was taxed a little too much, and several breaks caused the cellar to be completely flooded. A large quantity of lime and cement was considerably damaged. The Fire Department was called upon to render assistance. The members of No. 1 Engine responded, and after four hours' hard work succeeded in relieving the basement of the bulk of the water. The goods were removed to an upper floor and the breaks in the sewer stopped up with cement.

The firm will suffer a loss of nearly a thousand dollars.

BRITISH WARSHIP.

The Wild Swan Arrives from the North—Cruise South.

The British war vessel Wild Swan arrived in port at 4 p.m. yesterday on her way south. She left Esquimaux, B. C., on November 21st at 9 o'clock. The Wild Swan will take on coal here and remain about two weeks awaiting further orders. She carries only eight guns, and is one of the smallest war vessels of the English navy. Her engines are 800 horse-power. Following is a list of the officers of the Wild Swan:

Commander Maevy Napier.
Senior Lieutenant Wm. D. Church.
Lieutenants Sampson, Sladen, Digby, St. A. P. Weston, R. H. Hatchcock.
Paymaster Chas. H. A. Ward.
Surgeon A. B. Marriott.
Engineer H. Garsford.
Gunner F. G. Blewett.

Anxious About Larry Dee.

The relatives and friends of Larry Dee are beginning to get anxious about that gentleman's safety. Nothing has been heard of Mr. Dee since he left for the Coast, and it is feared some accident has befallen him. Mr. Dee, it will be remembered, went to San Francisco for the purpose of disposing of a carriage which belonged to the late King Kalakaua, and lately purchased by him at auction and used for a time as a public conveyance. It was Mr. Dee's intention to charter a sailing vessel and bring a load of hay and grain to the islands, he being engaged in that line of business in the old armory on Beretania street.

AID FOR PACIFIC CABLE.

Imperial Government Will Subsidize an All-British Route.

COMMISSION TO BE APPOINTED.

Colonial Officials Confer With Secretary Chamberlain—British Promoters Discuss Spalding—Fast Steam Service Between Canada and England

LONDON, Nov. 18.—The Agents-General of the Australasian colonies, with the exception of Mr. Thomas Playford (South Australia) and Sir Malcolm Fraser (Western Australia), waited upon Mr. Chamberlain, Secretary of State for the Colonies, today with the view of discussing the question in reference to the granting of a subsidy by the imperial government toward the projected Pacific cable.

Mr. Chamberlain, in reply to the representations of the Agents General, said that the imperial government had decided to promote the laying of a cable across the Pacific on condition that it should be confined to British territory. A royal commission of six members would be appointed. It would be empowered to call witnesses, to inquire as to the best route and the cost of survey, to ascertain the cost of laying duplicate cables as well as a single cable, and to report upon the entire question.

The home government and the Canadian government are to each nominate two members of the commission, and the Australasian governments together the other two.

Mr. Chamberlain said he regarded the deputation as a meeting of a council of the empire. The presence of delegates from Cape Colony and Natal was an evidence of solidarity and sympathy. He considered that there was a fair prospect of the cable paying.

Action of the Premier.

SYDNEY, N. S. W., Nov. 22.—Yesterday the Premier received a cablegram from the Agent-General (Sir Saul Samuel) announcing that the Secretary of State for the Colonies (Mr. Chamberlain) had approved of the appointment of a commission on the question of the Pacific cable, the commission to consist of six members, two to be elected by the mother country, two by Canada, and two by Australia and New Zealand. The Agent-General asked Mr. Reid to communicate the contents of the cablegram to the Premiers of the other Australasian colonies, which Mr. Reid immediately did. Last night the Premier received a reply from the Premier of New Zealand, asking him to suggest a course to be pursued by the four colonies interested, with reference to the election of the two delegates. Mr. Reid will communicate with the Premiers of the other colonies on this point.

The Pacific Cable and Mail.

LONDON, Nov. 25.—The Times considers it is urgent that the Colonies should select their ablest delegates as cable commissioners, and declares that Mr. Chamberlain has requested tenders to be called for an Atlantic steam service before deciding the method of assistance. He also demands increased railway speed to Vancouver. Mr. Chamberlain will not aid the Pacific mail beyond poundage for mails, holding this to be a local section service.

Pacific-Atlantic Service.

LONDON, Nov. 20.—The Ottawa correspondent of the Times telegraphs that the announcement that the Imperial Government has decided to grant a subsidy toward the establishment of a fast steam service between Canada and England, in conjunction with the Vancouver line, has given much satisfaction in Canada.

The Pacific Cable.

LONDON, Nov. 17.—The officials of the Colonial Office consider that if Mr. Spalding's parleyings with the French Cable Company meet with any result the financial prospects of a British Pacific cable will be greatly prejudiced.

Alaska Boundary Survey.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 21.—The United States has been compelled to abandon its contention as to the exact location of the 141st meridian, between Mount St. Elias and the Arctic ocean. It appears now that the country was almost brought to the point of open hostilities with Great Britain over the north and south boundary line between Alaska and British North America, because of the action of the Chief of Coast and Geodetic Survey in distributing the patronage of his office, according to the authority of an official of the Survey Bureau.

Some Famous Artists.

Mr. and Miss Mitchell, brother and sister of Melba, the famous prima donna, were through passengers by the Alameda. They are

journeying to New York, where the great singer is now performing. Since the retirement of Fatti, Melba enjoys reputation as the finest soprano in the world. Both Mr. and Miss Mitchell are artists of note in the Colonies, and will, upon arriving at New York, join their relative in touring the States and Europe.

Practice Shell for Healanis.

A practice shell arrived by the Alameda for the Healanis Boat Club. It is similar to the others received from the Colonies, with the exception that the new one has patent oar-locks. The shell is the same length as those now used by the club and was constructed by the same celebrated boat builders of Australia. It will be delivered today.

CANNIBALS WANTED HIM.

Experiences of Preston Harrison in the South Sea Islands.

Preston Harrison, who spent some time in Honolulu during the first part of the year, was a through passenger by the Alameda. Mr. Harrison has been sojourning in the islands of the South Seas, and during the time has visited places seldom, if ever, seen by the ordinary traveler. During a few minutes conversation with Mr. Harrison yesterday, that gentleman told of having miraculously escaped death at the hands of cannibalistic natives of one of the lower islands. Mr. Harrison recounted several exciting experiences through which he passed by the aid of a great deal of personal courage. In the course of his travels, Mr. Harrison saw a great deal of Samoa, and was paid much attention to by King Malietoa and chiefs of high and low degree. Mr. Harrison is a son of the late Carter Harrison, who was murdered in Chicago while mayor of that city. He was for a time managing owner of the Chicago Times, and is a polished and versatile writer and correspondent. When the gentleman returns home, an extended account of his visit to Hawaii and the South Seas will be published.

A TRAVELING COMEDIAN.

Slade Murray En Route to the Coast—Good Actor.

Slade Murray, a star comedian from England who has been under engagement at different places in Australia, for the past six years, was on board the Oceanic liner Alameda. The gentlemen was taken in charge by Manager Cameron and Mr. Wirth and shown the city yesterday. The actor held a levee at the wharf previous to the departure of the steamer.

Mr. Murray is en route to San Francisco, where he will appear before the public for some time. The actor is an old friend of Mr. Wirth and Manager Cameron, and is known to the members of the circus now here, all of whom were on hand to bid him bon voyage.

Mr. Murray spoke in flattering terms of Wirth's circus and those connected with it. He says they are good people, and deserve the best treatment of all classes.

THE HAWAIIAN NIGHTINGALE.

Mrs. Montague-Turner Returns to Reside in Honolulu.

Miss Annis Montague (Mrs. Chas. Turner) returned to her island home yesterday. It is over two years since this gifted singer and her husband left the shores of Hawaii full of bright hopes for a brilliant season in the Colonies, where both were so popular. She returns a widow. For the last year Mrs. Turner has been teaching singing in Sydney. After the first of next year Mrs. Turner intends giving instruction in singing here.

Before leaving Sydney a grand entertainment was given in honor of the "diva," which was attended by a large and fashionable audience.

Purser McComb Entertains.

Purser Thomas McComb sent out hacks for several of his Honolulu friends last night and entertained them in royal style in the saloon of the Australia. The inclement weather did not prevent the friends of the popular purser from spending a pleasant time.